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SIMON'S EUROPEAN INTERVIEW; CARLI FAVORABLE TO
SOMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT

TREASURY PASS LUXOR FOR RHATICAN WITH SIMON PARTY

1. PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAN IN ROME, SECRETARY SIMON MAY WISH
TO REVIEW LEAD EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN NEW YORK TIMES
MARCH 2 ENTITLED, "SAVING ITALY...OR SINKING IT?"
(EDITORIAL WAS REPEATED IN PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE OF MARCH
3 AND ALSO TRIGGERED COMMENTS IN ITALIAN PRESS MARCH 3.
REPORT CONCERN SUCH MATTERS AS LIRA EXCHANGE CRISIS,
ITALIAN ECONOMIC RECESSION, FOREIGN CREDITS TO ITALY, AND
PROSPECTS FOR COMMUNIST ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY
CAN MAKE COPY OF EDITORIAL AVAILABLE TO SIMON PARTY ON
ARRIVAL, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY SEEN IT.

2. ITALIAN PRESS MARCH 3 ALSO PICKS UP AND EXCERPTS
PARTS OF SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW WITH EUROPEO, MENTIONING
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ROME, DIFFICULT ITALIAN ECONOMIC
SITUATION, SIMON'S PRAISE OF FORMER BANK OF ITALY

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GOVERNOR CARLI AND ASSURANCE OF US COLLABORATION DURING

PRESENT DIFFICULTIES. EMBASSY PREPARING TRANSLATION
OF EUROPEO INTERVIEW, WHICH WE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE
ON ARRIVAL.

3. SECRETARY SHOULD BE AWARE OF FEBRUARY 22 INTERVIEW
WITH FORMER BANK OF ITALY GOVERNOR CARLI IN LONDON
OBSERVER IN WHICH CARLI IS REPORTED AS DESCRIBING
COMMUNISTS AS FORCE FOR STABILITY IN ITALY AND URGES
THEIR RECRUITMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNING
STRUCTURE. (COPY OF ARTICLE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON
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